

COUNTY ROAD BUILDERS BUSY

RINGER AND BILL URE HAVE FAMILY BLOWUP

City Hall Agog With Report Will
Throw Over Police Head

POOR DIPLOMATIC WORK CAUSES IT

Changes in Commission Personnel Are Predicted by Wise Ones—
Falconer Due for Retirement—Amateurs Are Slated
to Be Put On Political Shelf

It is said that Bill Ure, who has governed, in his quiet way, the city council for the last three years, has decided to throw over Dean Ringer, in the coming squabble for places on the city commission. The same report is to the effect that Ringer has not been a good diplomat, and has not been strong in the upbuilding of a machine that would land the whole gang in its old makeup in office at the coming city election.

Ure and Bob Smith have been engineering a big deal, for a long time, and it is said they have decided Ringer is not big enough to carry the load that will have to be toted next spring. Ringer has had his own troubles, has shot up the old police force and has not done a very good job organizing the new ones added to the force. For that reason the machine is not working well and Ure does not believe it will be a good thing to let Ringer tie up with his crowd in the coming campaign.

Mayor Smith, it is said, will be the only member of the present aldermanic bunch who will not be a candidate for re-election. Those who have been keeping in touch with things say

the mayor is disgusted, tired of his job and not very well pleased with the company he has been in during the term that is about to end. And, besides that, Smith is believed to have accomplished about everything he went after when he ran for mayor. Gas users generally believe that statement to be a fact.

Roy Towl will again be a candidate, it is very plainly stated. Towl has not made many enemies and as a general proposition has been progressive in his work of carrying on his share of the city's business. He has his department well in hand and by those who have observed his work believe he should be permitted to complete the many projects he has started, which would take at least another three years. It is said Towl will soon decide on a change in chief engineers, which is considered a good move by those who have kept a weather eye on city construction.

Zimman is believed to have clapped the trap on his bid for another term. He secured an increase in wages for city firemen, which has not been a bad move for him. Firemen are said

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LIQUID CHEER FEATURES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL THIS YEAR

Thirsty Celebrators Find Plenty of Hootch of Various Qualities—
Moonshiner Succeeds Saloonkeeper and Furnishes Many
Grades of Bootleg Booze—Competition Increases

This was a real Merry Christmas year, but in many respects some of the "kick" was taken out of the big doings because the amount of joy water that in the past has featured the celebration of this annual holiday was conspicuous for its absence.

All of which brings to mind the fact that Omaha is doing pretty well these times, despite an utter absence of the old time saloon that furnished "Tom and Jerry" to all patrons on Christmas day. This year if there was any "Tom and Jerry" sticking around it was kept pretty well out of sight. In fact, the main ingredient was lacking entirely in most instances.

This year's supply of wet goods was mostly confined to "hootch," many brands of which have been on the market in Omaha for a long time. The bootlegger has succeeded the saloonkeeper and he has been a pretty busy man during the last week in this neck of the woods. The usual large number of holiday drunks were registered this season, which shows very conclusively that the saloonkeeper is not necessary to any community to keep the supply well up to normal.

Competition in moonshine liquor has become pretty strong and a dozen new dealers have got into the game recently, it is stated by those who keep in touch with the output and its manufacture. Distilleries and family breweries are now about as numerous as were saloons before they were put out of business three years ago. Some of this stuff is pretty rotten and some of it is fairly good, according to connoisseurs who are pre-

sumed to know something about such things. Competition has become so strong that dealers give considerable attention to the quality of their goods before they put them out.

The South Side, rendezvous of Dean Ringer, our police superintendent, does more business than any other portion of the city, but the East End, known as Dago Town, also has a large number of dealers and manufacturers. On Sixteenth street may be found numerous dispensers, but this street by no means has a corner on the business. Many soft drink dispensers have learned the necessity of keeping a supply of hootch and have also found it profitable.

Out Farnam street a number of "polite" dealers have stocked up and are putting out this liquid at fifty cents per drink, which is the popular price all over the city, although reports have it that many places have begun to cut prices.

Competition is said to be responsible for price cuts. The best known dealers are boasting up their stock and looking for more business. Harness policemen find these places convenient for stopping to telephone and other things and some of them have become sources of income for the fellows who want to make a dollar or two on the side.

Christmas this year more resembled the old style celebration than it has for several years and nearly everybody who felt the necessity for some of the "oh, be jolly" stuff had little trouble locating a plentiful supply. A few of the old timers had some real old stuff left but they were not putting much of it out except to very close personal friends.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

Chisam, Miller & Trimble reported conditions normal in the fruit markets. They were considered good authority on such matters. They were notified last week of the recent incorporation of a Knockers' club.

Billy Fox gave a Christmas party. Some of the boys showed up too late. Bill sure knew how to entertain.

Joe Heil was a victim of the recent cold snap. Joe roared his head off about the price of coal.

Hazel Johnston said Fowler avenue was the coldest street in Omaha. Other people said it got chilly out there sometimes.

Tom Tulley, native of Ireland, continued to put out that stuff about owning half of the street car company. By most people he was considered harmless.

Dave Marks spent his holidays at his Binney street home. Dave knew a good thing when he saw it.

Joe Glynn was considering organizing another bricklayers' club. He was a great brick layer in his time.

Ten automobiles were stolen in an hour. Business was getting good again, thank you.

Mrs. Garrity was one of the live wire Christmas shoppers. Garrity seldom overlooked any bets.

Henry W. Dunn prepared to begin earning his salary. A lot of observers said it was about time. Incidentally, it was officially stated a lot of knockers better keep out of jams in the future.

Gus Romstedt dispensed some Christmas cheer to friends. Gus sure knew how to do it.

PIN SMASHERS' TOURNAMENT BEGINS NEXT FEBRUARY

Although Omaha's annual bowling tournament is six weeks away, preparations are already in the making for this big event of the pin smashers. Local bowlers of renown are preparing to enter the big state meet which will be held in Lincoln this year. It is believed there will be to exceed a hundred teams entered in the state meet, as against thirty-nine last year. The state doings will be held on some new alleys, eight in number, now being constructed in the capital city.

Tommy Curran Loses Fremont Case

Reports say Attorney Thomas L. Curran has had the title to a Fremont property taken from him by the courts. This is a spicy bit of information. The Bee called it a "badger game" but other papers let it go as it was and did not comment on it.

As an excuse for calling it a "badger game" the Bee had some pointed remarks about Mrs. Zelma Short, with whom Joe Milligan, Fremont rounder, got in touch while he was on one of his periodical sprees in Omaha. The court decided that Milligan had been "touched" for a \$2,000 Fremont property, and that Curran was a party to it all. For all of which reason Judge Button took from Curran title to the property.

Curran is one of Omaha's rising young attorneys, and he probably is not worrying very much over the judge's decision. Milligan, from all reports, is a pretty high flyer, when he gets one of those things on. It appears that he came to Omaha for good time and had a good time. He got into a bad mess, from all reports, and Attorney Curran was called into the case. Curran is like every other lawyer, in that he does not work for nothing.

If Milligan is "welching" out of the deal it is something the dear public ought to know about. Curran, let it be known, is a pretty wise young lawyer, and it is very probable he was doing a good Samaritan act when he undertook to straighten out Milligan's griefs.

Not much is known about Mrs. Zelma Short, but the chances are that Milligan came up with her and got the worst of it all. Curran was called into the case and got it settled up. In order to square himself, Milligan was willing to pay the price. It is a safe venture that if Curran received a deed to the Fremont property he got nothing that was not coming to him. He usually handles matters of this sort in a pretty clean manner and it is a good guess that he will get his fee out of Milligan before the game is over.

Incidentally, it is stated, more publicity is to be given to Milligan's Omaha visits, which may clear up matters before the case is finally settled.

COMMISSIONERS TO OPEN BIDS LAST DAY

Road Travelers Growling And Under-
Current Becomes Very Dense

O'CONNOR SCOFFS AT UGLY REPORT

Old Board Will Open Bids on Twenty-seven Miles of Paving Last
Day of Its Existence—Material Men Take
Lively Interest in Bidding

The last day of 1920 will be celebrated up in the county commissioners' office at the court house, where there will be opened bids on some twenty-seven miles of paving on county roads. The advertisements have been running for some time and the commissioners will look over the bids next Friday. Tom O'Connor, chairman of old board, "scoffed," so the World-Herald says, at the idea of the old board putting across something by receiving bids the last day of the term of the old board.

O'Connor says it is a cinch the contracts will not be awarded unless the bids are right, and by those who keep in touch with these matters his statement is pretty generally believed. In fact, it is considered a cinch that the bids will have to be "right" or they will all be rejected. Just what concern or concerns know what the "right" bid is can not be foretold, but all of the big contractors for road and street paving have been looking over the business for a long time with a view to getting in on the "right" side of the bidding.

Douglas county has something like \$3,000,000 in cash and bonds available for road paving. About \$700,000 of this amount is in cash and it is believed it will be used at once. There remains about twelve miles of the Lin-

coln Highway still to be built to take the paving to the Dodge county line, just beyond Valley. It is considered highly probable this stretch will be let, if any contracts are awarded at this time. The cash on hand, \$700,000, will be about enough to handle this job.

Members of big Omaha progressive and improvement clubs, such as the Omaha Automobile club, the Rotary club and other organizations, are anxious to see the Lincoln Highway finished to the Dodge county line this coming spring. The attitude of material men has been one of the chief factors in highway construction. Material men have also been prime movers in the various scraps that have come up in the competition for road building. Brick men want brick roads, cement men want cement mixture roads and the bitulithic combine want roads of its own patent. This bitulithic bunch caused a lot of trouble the last time an attempt was made to let contracts for road paving.

It is stated the patent on this paving runs out January 1, and the fellows who have been interested in it have been doing some tall hustling to get in their last handful of soft money before it is too late. The Allied company, of which John Towle is head,

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OPEN SHOP COMING BACK AGAIN, SAY EMPLOYERS AND FIGHT BEGINS

Church Council Takes Stand Against Proposed Fight on Labor
Unions—Both Sides Prepare for Struggle Scheduled
to Start With Spring Building Operations

The "open shop" proposition, which for many years has been demanding the attention of both capital and labor, is again to the fore and is receiving more than ordinary attention at this time. With the reduction in the number of employes in many new establishments, the demand for employment in all lines and the general shutdown of many immense establishments, employers have again taken up the proposition of the open shop, this time with a vengeance. Union labor, on the other hand, has been for a long time preparing to meet new conditions and will continue to fight the open shop proposition with all the forces at its command.

Employers have had the short end of the business for a long time and now they are enthusiastic over the prospect of seeing next spring open with wages of all kinds reduced materially from what they have been ever since the European war began. This is especially true in building operations, which have been on the decline for four years. Next spring, it is said by representative employing agencies, the scale will be considerably reduced and even at that there will not be sufficient work to go around.

Contracts for new construction are expected to bring about a battle, which both sides appear to be inviting.

The Federal Council of Churches, which claims to represent thirty-one denominations, with a membership of

19 million, has taken up the matter in earnest. That body has issued a statement rapping the proposed open shop, and claims the "open shop" is in reality a "closed shop" because it does not let labor unions into its inner workings.

In Omaha all wage scales have been on the rise for five years and at present are higher than ever before in history. Although there has been some decline in prices of foodstuffs and other commodities that make up the living of the ordinary working man, they are still far above what might be called normal. These conditions are cited as an argument against the "open shop" by those who are fighting the union labor side of the business.

Railroad men are also taking a lively interest in the whole business. As a general proposition, the average railroad man is enjoying more prosperity than ever before. He does not enjoy the prospective reduction in hours and forces employed and is doing everything in his power to stave off what he sees coming. Generally it is believed a revision all along the line is due and railroad interests are preparing, it is said, to get wages back to something near what they were before the war. In this respect, it is said, aid is expected from the incoming administration, which will assume power March 4. Leading railroad officials have predicted a general wage reduction, within a few months, and are already reducing forces to the lowest minimum.

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NEW LAWS PROMISED NEBRASKANS

Some new laws of importance are promised Nebraskans by the next legislature, which will be in action in another week. Omaha, of course, will be interested in the doings of that body and our people will do well to see to it that no bads laws concerning our government are put on the statute books at the coming session.

The farmers will be there with their demands and many of their kicks will be heard by the committees handling farmers' affairs. Committee chairmen representing the farmers will also ask for support from Douglas county members, as usual. In return Omaha will probably have a few things to ask for from the country.

It is said a well organized movement is on to change the form of Omaha's government again, this time reducing the number of commissioners from seven to five. It is presumed a Douglas county man will be chairman of the committee on cities and towns, which would naturally sponsor any legislation concerning the city of Omaha. It is said two Omaha men are candidates for that chairmanship.

The effort to reduce the number of city commissioners comes from a well organized clique that is responsible for the failure of the city administration about to be voted out to make good. They want to change the law, in the hope that they will be able to hang on another three years. If Omahans are going to stand for this sort of business it is time to turn the city over to the school children and let them run the whole business.

Omaha does not need a general manager. That sort of government is all right for the villages, if they want it, but this city is too big for one man to run. And, besides that, it would be a political job, with possibilities of graft beyond the comprehension of the ordinary intelligent citizen. It stands Omaha people well in hand to watch the doings of the coming legislature and see that nothing is put across on them.

IRELAND'S FIGHT FOR HOME RULE

The Irish fight for home rule has brought the civilized world to its feet and has aroused thousands of persons, heretofore disinterested in Irish affairs, to a realization that there must be something to the big fight that is being carried on by the Irish people for home rule.

Americans of Irish birth, naturally, are promoting the cause of Ireland and are putting in some strenuous licks to aid the people of that little island to secure their freedom. Americans, as a general proposition, have been only lukewarm. There are many reasons for it. As a general proposition, it would be hard to find an American of Irish birth, who would return and live in Ireland if he were given the whole island. This fact has been cited repeatedly as an excuse why Americans should not bother themselves about the internal affairs of England. But such is hardly the case. Of course, Americans of Irish birth have no wish to return to their native land to live. There is no reason why they should. But we might remember that we ourselves once revolted against the English yoke. If all we can read is half true the Irish people have more reason for revolting than our forefathers had 150 years ago.

Those who have made an unprejudiced study of the Irish question agree that the Irish people are entitled to their own government. It is easy to understand that the Irish people have little in common with England. True it is that Ireland has its religious question, but that it not here nor there, so far as government goes.

America dealt with the Cuban question twenty years ago, and did a good job of it. Ireland is entitled to at least the same consideration we gave to Cuba. Once in that score of years America has found it necessary to stop a Cuban rebellion. If England fears Irish rebellion that country can put in a proviso, similar to the one in our understanding with Cuba, that will prevent rebellion. So far as collecting taxes from the Irish is concerned, England has absolutely no right to do so, no more than they had a right to tax the colonists 150 years ago. Taken altogether, honest Americans will agree that Ireland is entitled to freedom and self-government. If they abuse the privilege it will be easy enough to correct that abuse. But they are entitled to live in their island home without the heels of Great Britain making it harder for them than is their present national existence.

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to be pretty well pleased with him, as a general proposition, and most of them favor his retention in office.

Falconer will have a big fight this year, and his department appears to be likely for a change. He will again make an individual canvass, it is stated, and will not tie up with any organization or combination. On the other hand, his service as a park commissioner has not kept pace with the growth of the city, and his policy has not been considered in keeping with what Omaha requires from a park commissioner.

The fact, if it is a fact, that Ure will not stand for Ringer again, is an interesting part of city hall doings. Ure has been having his own troubles and will probably go down to defeat like several other members of the present council. Ringer is pretty bull headed and is said to have defied Ure and everybody else. He will probably go it alone, with the prospect of getting a licking much like that administered to his predecessor three years ago.

Ringer has had all the chance in the world to make good. Instead of

improving police conditions they have become pitiful, and are getting worse. Crime has become rampant despite the fact that Ringer has a force twice the size of that of any former police commissioner. Generally speaking, the people have apparently had enough of Ringer, but are not willing to let Ure swing the club that will put him out.

Generally speaking, it is considered time for a city hall cleaning and voters are expected to send in some good substitutes to take the place of the crowd of amateurs that have been on the job since the change was made three years ago.

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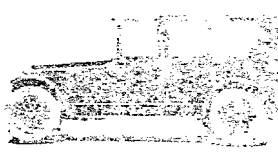
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puts out this stuff, which has not been looked upon with favor by many who have been considered expert in road construction. Their last bids were thrown out because of court action, in the course of which some unusual conditions were discovered.

The American paving bunch is a new crowd in the game who have recently taken a hand in the bidding. Several local men, including a well known Omaha attorney, have been interested in this new concern.

The older paving concerns are lying quiet, apparently willing to simply sit aside and watch the others in action. There is a pretty general feeling that court action is liable to follow anything that is done by the old board, and men who keep in touch with matters of this sort do not feel like getting into public view at this time.

Incidentally it is pretty generally felt that price of road material will soon be materially reduced and that any contracts let on the basis of present material prices would not be a very good thing for the general traveling public.

The big authorized road bond issue will probably not be put out in the near future. Bond prices are not very stable and it is not permissible to sell these bonds below par. Paving contractors are not anxious to become loaded up with these bonds, because it requires a lot of financial backing to carry a couple of million dollars of bonds, without respect to how good they are. For all of which reason, it is said, it is not expected any road building will be done where the cash is not available.

The report that the old board is taking advantage of the opportunity to get in bids before it goes out of existence is also an interesting story. Of course, nobody is making any charges, but from different sources growls have been heard, and by some it has even been intimated that certain people have been "dealing" in futures. Of course the goods must be delivered, in any event, and with the complexion of the county commission having a decided change January 1, the spending of this \$3,000,000 road money will be one of the important matters to be dealt with by the new board. Meanwhile, the old board apparently is not letting any grass grow under its feet.

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AT THE BRANDEIS

Sam H. Harris' musical comedy, "Honey Girl," will be the attraction at the Brandeis theater for three days starting Monday night, with matinee Wednesday.

"Honey Girl" is the musical comedy version of Henry Blossom's old racing play, "Checkers," and in adopting it for the musical stage, Edward Clark changed the locale from Chicago to New Orleans. The quaint beauty of the sleepy old southern town and its renowned race track, are not the least attractive points to this production.

Albert Von Tilzer supplied the music to Neville's Fleeson's lyrics, and "Close to Your Heart," "I'm Lost in your ears for days to come, while I My Heart to Someone," will ring "I Like to Fox Trot," and "Racing Blues" will start your feet tapping and your lips whistling.

Lynne Overman plays "Checkers" and Edna Bates is "Honey Girl." Joe Keno plays the well-known racetrack tout. Rene Riano, the eccentric dance unique, startles with her famous back gicks, and Mercer Templeton, William Mortimer, Edmund, Robert Armstrong, Peter Lang, Lucretia Craig, Charles Yorkshire and others are in the cast, ably backed by a chorus, who in addition to the well known chorus beauty, can really dance and sing.

"The Smarter Set"

"The Smarter Set," headed by the foremost colored comedians, Salem Tutt Whitney and J. Homer Tutt, present this week their latest musical creation, "Bamboula," a jazzonian

operetta in two acts with ten scenes. This comes to the Brandeis starting Thursday, with matinee New Year's day.

For the show this season a new book was written, the principal object of which was to furnish clean comedy with lively scenes. A performance of merit keeps the spectators interested. Musical features are introduced, all of which are especially written for the production. Many sets of scenery and fetching costumes have been provided. "The Smarter Set" cast includes Emma Jackson, Grace Howell, Tiney Wilson, Edna Gibbs, Maud Lawson, Alonzo Fenderson, Alex White, Nate Cash, Julian Costello, Marcus Slayter, Leon Walls and the famous "bronze beauty chorus."

EMPRESS ATTRACTIONS

A complete scenic production, with electrical effects, beautiful arrangement, is the artistic attraction, "The Night Boat," which is to be presented by an excellent company of six players as the stellar act of the show opening at the Empress Sunday. The steamers that ply between inland ports are virtual incubators for romance and adventure. John B. Hymer, the well known playwright, has taken one of the palatial boats that take the trip from New York to Albany and has created a series of complications for six characters that affords splendid entertainment. These he has tied together into a plot and calls the whole concoction "The Night Boat."

One of the important attractions will be offered by the Straus Twins, whose song numbers embrace a repertoire of carefully selected popular hits. This in addition to their engaging voices and pleasing personalities make their number charmingly effective.

A pair of nut comedians with a new brand of foolishness are Cy & Cy, who will present a potpourri of patter, songs and dances.

Completing the vaudeville program are the Retter Brothers, billed as "The Gym Kings." Dezso Retter impersonates Gutch and Hackenschmidt, showing all the famous holds and grips of these famous wrestlers. Aside from this feature the act contains comedy acrobatics of a nature not only original but new and a decided novelty.

The photoplay attraction for the first half of the week will be "Number Seventeen," featuring George Walsh.

WRESTLING EVENTS NOW

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Wrestling is not having a very popular attendance thus far this winter. Most of the premiers, or men who were once considered premier wrestlers, have degenerated to pure and simple money-getters. No one of them is considered of sufficient calibre to go into any stellar event on his merits as a wrestler and all of them are out for big bunches of the filthy lucre, which has caused the

public to again become skeptical.

Last week Strangler Lewis again put Joe Stecher on the mat and won comparatively easy. Stecher, however, is still able to live comfortably on the bundle he already has amassed. He is expected to soon retire from pinning activity.

Some new candidates for premier honors are springing up and are expected to make a showing in the near future. Old Farmer Burns, who still watches the game with extreme interest, says the dopesters and phony wrestlers will soon have to give way to the honest-to-goodness wrestler.

LONG BREATHING SPELL

John Merritt says eighty-eight years is a long breathing spell, but John has passed that mark, celebrating his eighty-eighth birthday on Christmas day, when his live wire boys gave him a birthday party.

Mr. Merritt is about the youngest old man in Omaha. During all the long years of his existence he has maintained an excellent disposition and still meets every friend with a smile. As old as is John Merritt he never got over the notion that a shot of good whisky was not a bad thing once in a while. He admits, however, that he never used it as a permanent medicine and does not need it now.

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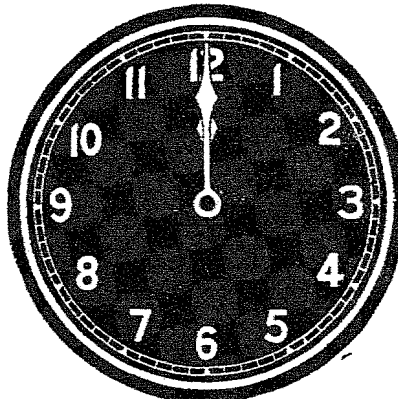
Burlesque as presented by the managers of attractions playing the Columbia circuit houses, is without doubt the most popular form of amusement before the public today, and it is still in its infancy.

Each succeeding season brings upon the owner a demand for larger and more expensive production—the same being true as regards the book and score. Many managers fail to realize the necessity of having musical numbers that are not overdone and worn out, as is the case where there is a repetition of the same songs week after week. Not so, however, with Barney Gerard's "Follies of the Day," which comes to the popular Gayety Christmas day for a week's stay, with a matinee daily.

Barney Gerard, the owner and producer of "Follies of the Day," has this season paid a lot of attention to the musical layout of his attraction—writing the greater part of a special score himself. What "popular" numbers there are, have been selected because of their particular aptness to certain scenes, etc., or because they permit of some special display of individual talent on the part of some member of the company.

This season's book, like Mr. Gerard's previous offerings with "Follies of the Day," is of the up-to-the-minute type in every detail. Starting in New York City, the book in true "revue" style unfolds scene after scene—Mexico and China being two of the most interesting parts of call.

Next Friday night "Follies of the Day" will present two separate and complete performances, beginning at 8:30 and 11:30, respectively. The occasion of the 11:30 show is that it is to supply the annual New Year's eve midnight performance for which the Gayety has been alone famous for years, it having originated the midnight show idea many seasons ago. To make the event one to be remembered until the next one rolls around, Old Man Johnson is preparing some novel and timely stunts that will be symbolical of the death of the old year and the birth of the new year.



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50th and Underwood to 10th and Bancroft	4:20
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